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Accountant

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[Accountant \(gov.wales\)](https://gov.wales/accountant)



Gyrfa Cymru
Careers Wales



Qualifications Required

HNC/HMD, NVQ4 or 5 up to Degree, NVQ 6

For entry to a degree course in any subject, the usual minimum requirement is:

- 2/3 A levels
- GCSEs at grade C/4 or above in 2/3 other subjects.

Alternatives to A levels include the International Baccalaureate Diploma and BTEC Level 3 qualifications. Relevant BTEC subjects include:

- Accounting
- Accounting with business
- Business with accounts and finance

To get onto an Advanced Level Apprenticeship, you will usually need at least five GCSEs at A* - C or 9-4, including English and maths.

For registration with a chartered accountancy body, the usual minimum requirement is:

- 2 A levels
- GCSEs at grade C/4 or above in 3 other subjects
- English and maths at either level

Some universities accept the Welsh Baccalaureate as equivalent to 1 A-level.



Skills and Qualities

As an accountant, you should have:

- good written and spoken communication skills
- an interest in how organisations work
- IT skills - most accounting systems are computerised

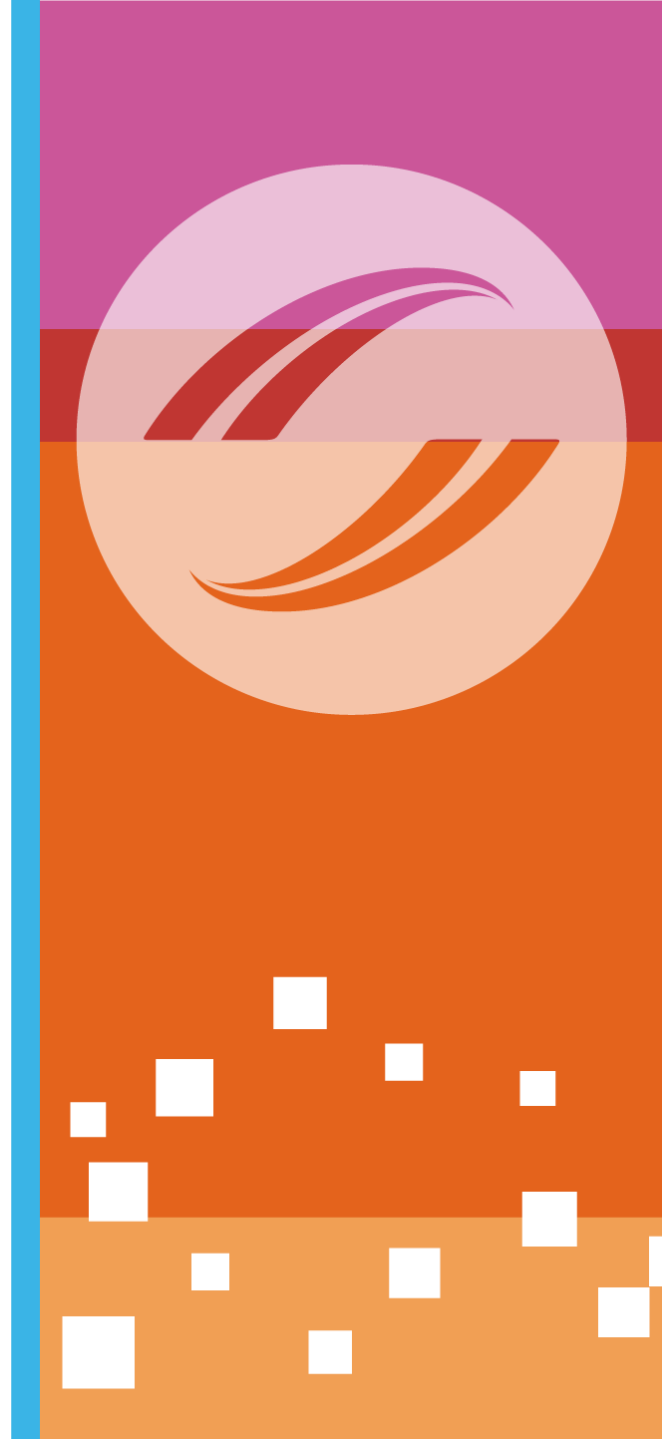
You will need to be:

- capable of analysing and interpreting figures and explaining them to non-specialists
- confident and decisive
- able to prioritise your workload

Do I need Welsh Language skills?

Welsh Language skills are often asked for.

Being able to read, write and speak Welsh may be an advantage when you're looking for work in Wales.



Entry Routes

Many people enter training posts after completing a degree. Any subject is acceptable but if you have a relevant degree such as accountancy, finance, economics or business, you could be exempt from some professional exams.

It is also possible to start training with A levels or equivalent. School leaver training is becoming increasingly recognised, with a number of larger employers introducing such schemes and promoting the Apprenticeship route into accountancy.

An Advanced Level Apprenticeship is a great place to start.

Full-time and part-time foundation degrees are available in accounting, business and finance subjects. Check the UCAS website for further details.

It is also possible to enter accountancy training after completing accounting technician qualifications, for example, the ACCA foundation entry-level qualifications.

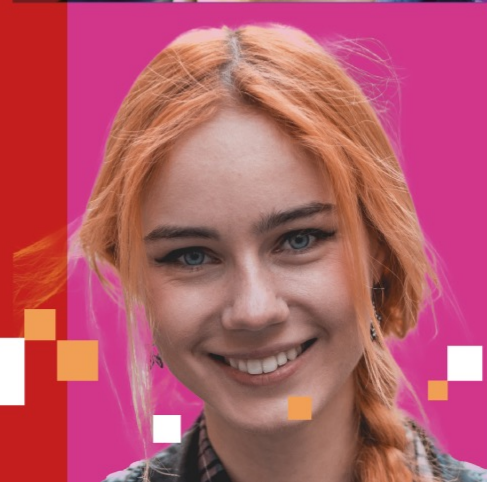
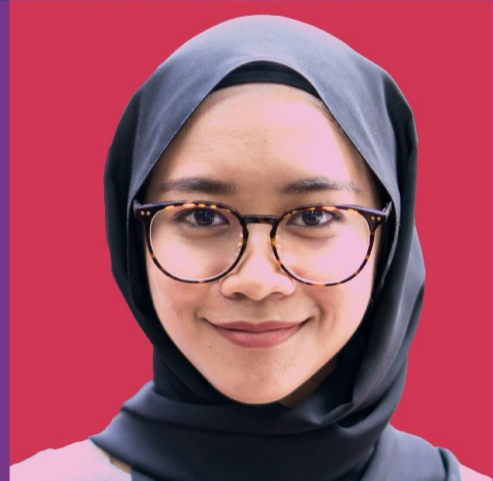
A great way to get into this career is through an internship. Take a look at our information article 'Internships', for more details



Salary

The pay rates given below are approximate.

- Starting:
£28,000 -
£31,000
- With experience:
£35,000 -
£42,000
- Senior roles can
earn £46,000 -
£52,000



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For entry to some Sixth Forms, students need 5 A*-C at GCSE

Potentially helpful A-Levels might be
Maths

- B in Higher Tier

Further Maths

- A in Maths

Business

- Open to all students
- C in English,
- Desirable - B Business

Economics

- C in English
- C in Maths



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